

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2145 – SB 2132**

April 13, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (015660, 016679):** Changes the effective date of the bill from January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2011. Adds language to the bill requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules for licensure of services and facilities of child care agencies regarding adequacy of services, qualifications of professional staff, and facility conditions and shall require satisfaction of basic quality standards for licensure. Requires DHS to assess the fiscal impact on child care providers of any change to any rule, regulation, policy, or guideline relating to staffing, physical plant, or operating procedures of the child care provider for rendering services pursuant to a contract, grant, or agreement with the Department. Requires the Department's estimate of the fiscal impact to be transmitted to the House and Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committees and the Comptroller of the Treasury at least 30 days prior to the change in rule, regulation, or policy. Under exigent circumstances, the Department must provide the fiscal estimate within 60 days after implementing the change.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$7,500/One-Time  
\$190,800/Recurring

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Changing the effective date will not change the fiscal impact of the original bill.
- The Department estimates approximately 75 policy and guideline changes are issued annually. The bill as amended will require a fiscal impact assessment to be completed on each of the changes.
- Current staff will be responsible for researching and preparing the final fiscal impact assessments for submission.

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- Any cost incurred by DHS for staff to perform the required fiscal estimates of rule nad policy changes can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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